

Supervisors Will Take Bids for Dominguez Channel Improvement

Construction bids for one of the most important flood control projects ever undertaken in the Gardena-Torrance area—permanent improvement of Dominguez channel between Denker and Vermont Aves.—will be opened tomorrow, according to County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.



REV. BOB RICHARDS
... Booster Keynote

'Flying Parson' Set to Keynote Chamber Dinner

A keynote address by the Rev. Robert Richards will highlight the annual meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 23rd in the Torrance Municipal Auditorium it was announced today by chairman R. S. Pyle.

Pyle said that invitations will go out very soon for the annual banquet, and that a sell-out was assured by the obtaining of such an outstanding speaker as Rev. Richards.

"The 'flying parson' as he is affectionately known in the world of sports has just added an award from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the nation's 'Ten Outstanding Young Men' to his long list of honors.

He is a two-time Olympic pole-vauling champion and is national decathlon champion. He is also a past winner of the Sullivan Award as the finest athlete in the nation. The much-in-demand speaker has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show and "This Is Your Life" among others.

Another highlight will be the awarding of Torrance's "Distinguished Citizens Award" to the person who, in the opinion of the judges, has done most for the community and its citizens in 1956. Former winners include Paul Lorange (1953), Mervin Schwab (1954) and Dean Sears (1955).

The annual meeting is normally held early in the year but was delayed this year so as not to conflict with the "All-America City Celebration," Pyle said.

The work, which will cost an estimated \$2,000,000 will include constructing Dominguez channel on a new alignment, extension of the Normandie Ave. bond issue storm drain down to the new channel, and new bridges across the channel on the new alignment at Normandie and Vermont Aves., Supervisor Hahn said.

Water Dammed
He pointed out that much of the flooding in the wake of the 1956 January storm was caused by the small culverts under the present bridges across the channel at Normandie and Vermont which dammed the water, causing it to back up.

"Water will pass under these new bridges through huge concrete boxes totaling 75 feet in width and approximately 18 feet deep, and this should eliminate this problem," Supervisor Hahn said.

Improvement of the channel proper will include the construction of concrete walls and bottom. The concrete channel will be 18 feet deep and 75 feet wide on a right-of-way of 125 feet.

Realignment Planned
New course of the channel will be an extension of its alignment at Denker parallel to and approximately 600 feet south of Artesia Blvd. After crossing under Vermont, the channel will turn south to connect to the present alignment.

"Construction of the new channel course will shorten its length and save the taxpayers one-half million dollars in construction cost, and will also make possible the elimination of several slough areas between Denker and Vermont," Supervisor Hahn stated.



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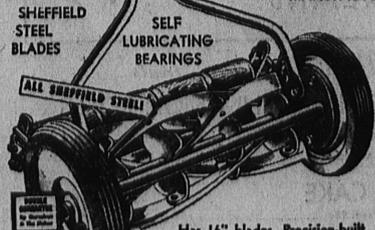
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